Pre-feasibility study of new Greenfield Airport at Tawang in Arunachal Pradesh has also been carried out.

Food provided by private airlines

3714. DR. K. MALAISAMY:
SHRI S. ANBALAGAN:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that the private airlines in India, when delayed for hours many times, skip over lunches and dinners and manage with snacks though the lunch/dinner time could elapse long before landing; and

(b) if so, whether some steps could be taken to ensure due lunches/dinners in case of flights being delayed long and to avoid the inconvenience to passengers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) In case of delays and cancellations, full service airlines provide adequate facilities to the passengers which include provision of food (breakfast/ lunch/dinner, as the case may be), hotel accommodation, conveyance, etc.

Low cost airlines also provide refreshments to passengers in case'the flight is delayed more than two hours.

(b) Government does not regulate commercial practices of the airlines.

Private airlines *vis-a-vis* Indian Airlines

3715. DR. K. MALAISAMY:
SHRI N.R. GOVINDARAJAR:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased, to state:

(a)Jiow much market share is held by Indian Airlines and Air India on the one side and private airlines on the other, out of the total traffic in India;

the details of productivity, profitability, cost effect between Indian Airlines and Air India on the one side and one or two leading private sectors like Jet Airways, Kingfisher on the other; and

how do public sector airlines in India compare with the private airlines in India in terms of quality of service?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) Market share of domestic passengers of National Aviation Company of India Limited (NACIL), into which erstwhile Indian Airlines and Air India have been merged and private airlines as on March, 2008 is as under:—

Market Share (%)

NACIL	Private Scheduled Airlines
15.7	84.3

(b) The Government does not compare the productivity, profitability, cost effect of airlines.